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SUBJ: US POLICY ON SPORT CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

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- 1. US POSITION AS STATED REFTEL DELIVERED BY PAO TO JEAN-CLAUDE GANGA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT IN AFRICA, IN FORM OF LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR.
- 2. LETTER DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION UP-COMING DAVIS CUP MATCH IN ORDER NOT TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THIS; HOWEVER, GANGA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UPON RECEIPT OF LETTER REMARKED: "...IT IS REALLY TOO BAD THAT THE US IS GOING AHEAD TO COMPETE WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN THE DAVIS CUP MATCH, AS THIS IS SURE TO HAVE A SERIOUS EFFECT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN OAU COUNTRIES AND THE US." HE PROMISED TO RESPOND TO THE LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO KEEP US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. HE SAID THAT THE ARGUMENT THAT THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID COULD BE CHANGED THROUGH SPORTS CONTACTS WAS TOTALLY

FALSE AND UNACCEPTABLE.

3. GANGA DID NOT TOUCH ON THE POINT THAT NEITHER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOR ANY PRIVATE ORGANIZATION HAS CONTROL OVER SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN U.S., ALTHOUGH THIS WAS EXPLICIT IN LETTER. COMMENT: BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER SCSA OFFICIALS, WE DOUBT THIS ARGUMENT CARRIES MUCH WEIGHT. SPIRO

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